



I AM GOD'S EARTH: God is creating me. I started as dust, but I'm becoming like Jesus. I rejoice in trials and hardships because Christ suffered for me, and I am a living sacrifice transformed by the truths of God.

HAVE YOU EVER FELT SOMETHING WAS STANDING IN YOUR WAY... (SERIES INTRO)

"Whatever may prevent God's full work in my life, I will dig out!"

TODAY BEGINS THE HARD WORK OF EXCAVATION • 10 COMMANDMENTS

Deuteronomy 5:6-10 (p. 127)

TWO COMMANDS, "IDOLATRY COVERS BOTH" / NO ONE WORRIES ABOUT THESE TWO

ILL: INDIANA JONES // I'VE NEVER BOWED TO AN IDOL, OR HAVE I? // MY TOYS

God gave these commands because idolatry is a **problem** for **everyone** of us, lying just beneath the surface.

I'M GOING TO SHOW YOU HOW DEEPLY IT HAS AFFECTED YOU.

... no other gods ...

TEMPTATION 1: WE ARE TEMPTED TO **Replace** GOD.

THIS GOD ISN'T RIGHT FOR ME

ATHEISM & CULTS // MULTIPLE FLAVORS OF CHRISTIANITY // "PRIVATE" SPIRITUALITY

... before me ...

TEMPTATION 2: WE ARE TEMPTED TO **Augment** GOD.

THIS GOD ISN'T ENOUGH // POLYTHEISM // SAINT WORSHIP // GOD & _____ MONEY, SEX, INSURANCE

... shall not make for yourself ...

TEMPTATION 3: WE ARE TEMPTED TO **Package** GOD.

ILL: GOLDEN CALF • TELL ME ALL YOUR THOUGHTS ON GOD

MY GOD LOOKS LIKE _____ (VISIBLE OR NOT) • MY GOD, GOD OF LOVE • MY GOD WOULD NEVER

THIS IS THE GOD THAT CAUSES FRUSTRATION AND DISAPPOINTMENT WITH GOD

The true problem of idolatry is that it replaces GOD-AS-HE-IS with GOD-AS-WE-THINK-OF-HIM.

Solution:

Option 1: Dig out all impostors, mental and physical.

Option 2: Get thoroughly **invested** in God-As-He-Is.

ILL: BANKS AND COUNTERFEIT MONEY // PING PONG BALL IN JAR

I AM YHWH, YOUR GOD, WHO DELIVERED YOU, AND WHO IS JEALOUS FOR YOU

Take it Home:

1. I will not settle for any notion of God that has not been **revealed** to me by his **Word**.

2. I will not desire anything as much as a living **relationship** with GOD-AS-HE-IS.

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